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SUBJECT: SECRETARY POSITION, SCIENCE OFFICE

1. PURSUANT TO DISCUSSIONS WITH ACKERMAN DURING OCT. 75 VISIT POST WISHES TO STRESS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE OBTAIN A SECRET-
RIAL POSITION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

2. THIS OFFICE IS HANDLED BY ONE OFFICER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN
FSL SECRETARY. THE AMOUNT OF CLASSIFIED MATTER PROCESSED IS SO EX-
TENSIVE THAT COUNSELOR WILCOX MUST SPEND MUCH OF HIS TIME
MANAGING THE PAPERWORK. HE IS CURRENTLY SHARING THE TIME OF ONE
AMERICAN SECRETARY IN ECOM BUT THAT VERY BUSY OFFICE HAS ONLY TWO
AMERICAN SECRETARIES SUPPORTING FOUR OFFICERS. THE STRUCTURE OF THE
CHANCERY DOES NOT ALLOW US TO CO-LOCATE THE OFFICES AT THIS TIME.

3. SCIENCE AFFAIRS IS ONE OF THE FAST GROWING FUNCTIONS OF THE
DEPT. IT SEEMS THAT MOST ANY NEW SUBJECT WHICH CANNOT BE NEATLY
CATEGORIZED FALLS TO THIS OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO THE VARIETY OF
DEMANDS USUALLY PLACED IN SCIENCE, OUR SCIENCE OFFICE HAS ALSO
ASSUMED SOME EXTRA DUTIES DUE TO THE REDUCED STAFFING. ONE
OF THE MORE DEMANDING IS THAT OF NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. HE
IS ALSO REPORTING ON ENERGY MATTERS WHICH HAS BECOME AN ACTIVE
SUBJECT.

4. SOON, THE OFFICE WILL PROBABLY BE THE COORDINATOR FOR THE
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PROPOSED HEALTH SCIENCE AGREEMENT. WILCOX WILL ALSO PROVIDE

SUPPORT TO A GOA PLAN TO HAVE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS ON
AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION.

5. WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT'S MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF
THIS REQUEST.
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